



February 12, 2025

The Dickinson Independent School District Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 for a regular Board Action meeting. This is a recap of the highlights from the meeting.

## ***Board of Trustees approves five administrative hires***

***Patrick Monaghan, Executive Director  
Special Programs Department***



Monaghan currently serves as Director of Special Education for Angleton ISD. He brings with him 18 years of experience in Special Education and Educational Leadership.

***Matthew Cooper, Principal  
McAdams Junior High***



Cooper previously served as the Associate Principal at Dickinson High School's Ninth Grade Center.

***Cara Reyes, Associate Principal  
Dickinson High School***



Reyes previously served as an Assistant Principal at Dickinson High School.

***Lucas Edenfield, Assistant Principal  
Dickinson High School***



Edenfield joins the leadership team at DHS after serving as an Agricultural Mechanics teacher and Department Chair at Dickinson High School.

***Tuyet Vo, Coordinator  
Targeted Support Services***



Vo brings extensive experience from Houston ISD where she served as an assistant principal and principal apprentice.

### ***The Board of Trustees approved:***

- A waiver for a missed school day at K.E. Little Elementary on January 24, 2025.
- A 2025-2026 Texas Education Agency Waiver for staff development minutes.
- A waiver for the 75,600-minute calendar requirement for Collegiate High School for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Three-year waivers with the Texas Education Agency for modified schedules on State Assessment Testing Days, foreign exchange students, and the Teacher Data Portal of the Texas Assessment Management System.
- Action items including the Order of Election for the May 3 School Board Trustee Election and consent agenda items.

### ***Presentations:***

- Dr. Debby Noffsinger, Director of Assessment, Accountability and Compliance, presented the 2023-2024 Texas Academic Performance Report during a TAPR Public Hearing.
- Captain Fillmore with the Galveston County Sheriff's Department was introduced as the new captain over the Dickinson ISD School Liaison Officer Program.

### ***Written Reports:***

- The Tax Report for December 2024 and Year to Date and the Student Attendance Report for the third six weeks were provided to the Board of Trustees.
- The Board of Trustees was provided details on Intruder Detection Audits conducted by the Texas School Safety Center at DISD campuses.

## Board Recognitions

### ***SuperGator Alumni***

Dickinson ISD started a new recognition this school year at our monthly Board of Trustees meeting to recognize alumni who are going above and beyond to volunteer in the school district and campuses on a regular basis. These alumni are giving back and making a difference in the lives of students and staff by giving of their time in inspire future Dickinson ISD alumni.



For February, the Board of Trustees recognized an alumna who has given back in several ways through her five children, who attend or are graduates of DHS. MaeLynn Solberg is a proud Dickinson High School graduate from the Class of 2002. She is the mom of three current Gators – one at Lobit Middle and two at DHS, as well as two DHS graduates from the Classes of 2021 and 2023. With her oldest two children, she was a volunteer and supporter of the DHS Theatre and FFA programs while they were involved. Now, with her current high school students, you can find her still participating in the Theatre Booster Club but also very active with the Dickinson Diamonds Dance Team where she serves as Booster Club President.

Dickinson Diamonds Director Brienne Sisson says, “MaeLynn is a tremendous asset to the Diamonds program. As our booster club president, she consistently goes above and beyond for the students she interacts with. Her dedication, hard work, and unwavering support make a lasting impact, and we are incredibly grateful for all that she does.” Thank you, MaeLynn, for giving of your time and your dedication to Dickinson ISD and Dickinson High School programs. “Once a Gator, Always a Gator.”

### ***Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo School Art Contest***

Dickinson ISD is one of 130 school districts that annually participates in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo School Art Program. The Art Program recognizes outstanding artists in grades K-12 and features the top artwork at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo from March 4-23. If you attend the Rodeo, stop, and visit the Hayloft Gallery in Reliant Center to see the incredible artwork of the students. The Dickinson ISD top honorees for 2025 include:



#### *Elementary Division:*

Best of Show: Daiana Sanchez, Silbernagel Elementary

Gold Medal: Diego Espinoza, Bay Colony Elementary

The students are led by Silbernagel art teacher Janette Magdaleno and Bay Colony art teacher Heather Petway.

#### *Junior High Division:*

Best of Show: Adrian Tovar, Kranz Junior High

Gold Medal: Stefanie Villalobos Cortez, Kranz Junior High

The students are led by Kranz Junior High art teachers Kimi White and Laura Pregeant.

#### *High School Division:*

Best of Show: Ashlynn Aguirre, Dickinson High School

Gold Medal: Piper Gaskill, Dickinson High School

Gold Medal: Gisele Luna, Dickinson High School

The students are led by Dickinson High School art teacher Jennifer Sumrall, Brenda Guardiola, and Sarah Merrill.

#### *Special Needs Division:*

Best of Show: Nicholas McLean, Dickinson High School

He is led by Dickinson High School art teacher Brenda Guardiola.

## Board Recognitions

### ***Dickinson High School College Academic Honor***

Dickinson ISD is delighted to announce the outstanding academic achievements of five remarkable students who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and talent in their respective fields and in turn been rewarded with impressive honors to continue their educations at top universities this fall.

**Bradley Marshell** has been admitted to the prestigious Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, where he will receive an impressive scholarship of \$30,900 per year to pursue his studies.

**Bethany Lloyd** has been awarded a full-tuition scholarship to Columbia University, recognizing her hard work and academic excellence. Additionally, she has earned the prestigious distinction of being a Gates Scholar semifinalist and has been named a Jack Kent Cooke College Scholarship semifinalist.

**Angel Hernandez** has been named a Gates Scholar semifinalist and a QuestBridge Scholar, earning a full-tuition scholarship to Notre Dame University, valued at \$89,700 per year, to further his academic journey.

**Pepper Brown** has earned the highly competitive NROTC scholarship, valued at over \$280,000. This scholarship will allow her to complete her Baccalaureate degree in a traditional college setting, where she will prepare to commission as an Officer in the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps. She also earned a \$60,000 scholarship from Louisiana State University

**Jaila Oatis** has earned a \$50,000 academic merit scholarship from Baylor University where she will pursue her degree in Pre-Medical Studies.

These exceptional achievements reflect the hard work, dedication, and determination these students have shown in their academic careers. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and look forward to the incredible contributions they will make in the future.



### ***Dickinson Junior High Academic Elite Award***

Dickinson Junior High is proud to honor four students with the school's Academic Elite Award. These students have demonstrated exceptional academic achievement and mastery by earning perfect scores on all essential questions.

In addition, the students achieved over 95% on all four core subject tests, showing outstanding dedication, perseverance, and a commitment to excellence in their academic pursuits.

The students include:

#### **Luciana Sparks – 7th grade**

- 100 % on 8th grade math test
- 100 % on 7th grade Reading Language Arts test
- 95 % on 8th grade Science test
- 97.06 % on Texas History test

#### **Christian Garza – 7th grade**

- 100 % on 8th grade math test
- 96.77 % on 7th grade Reading Language Arts test
- 100 % on 8th grade Science test
- 96.12 % on Texas History test



#### **Kentoro Udoh – 8th grade**

- 95.65 % on Algebra 1 test
- 96.55 % on 8th grade Reading Language Arts test
- 97.50 % on 8th grade Science test
- 100 % on United States History test

#### **Lincoln Lee – 8th grade**

- 100 % on Algebra 1 test
- 96.55 % on 8th grade Reading Language Arts test
- 100 % on IPC (Integrated Physics and Chemistry) test
- 100 % on United States History test

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### ***Career and Technical Education District of Distinction***

Dickinson ISD was recently selected as a Career and Technical Education District of Distinction by the Career and Technical Association of Texas. This prestigious recognition honors districts across Texas for their exemplary leadership, innovation, and unwavering commitment to student success through high-quality Career and Technical Education programs.

The CTE District of Distinction program highlights districts that excel in workforce readiness, foster innovation in CTE, and inspire others through their dedication to student achievement and community impact. Dickinson ISD is honored to serve as a model of excellence, showcasing best practices and driving progress in CTE statewide. This honor celebrates Dickinson ISD's achievements while setting a benchmark for CTE excellence statewide. It opens new opportunities for collaboration with industry and educational leaders, ensuring students graduate ready to excel in the workforce and beyond.

Through the guidance of Dickinson ISD Career and Technical Education Director Dr. Melissa Everett and her department of dedicated educators, the district's CTE program has excelled in many ways, including being the first school district in Texas to launch a high school imaging program and being leaders in state and national level competitions. The CTE Department is looking to the future and the many new opportunities available to students as they eagerly anticipate the opening of the new CTE facility and event center on the DHS campus during the 2026-2027 school year.

Accepting this recognition from the Board of Trustees was Career and Technical Education Director Dr. Melissa Everett, Dickinson High School Principal Courtney Ramirez, and several Career and Technical Education teachers.

### ***Board of Trustees Meeting - February Pledge Leaders***

Thank you to Isabella Aguilar, Eli Alvarado, and Dayton Samples all students at Silbernagel Elementary, for leading the pledges to the American flag and the Texas flag at the February 12 board meeting.



### **2024-2025 Board of Trustees**

The Dickinson ISD Board of Trustees consists of seven members each elected to serve a single-member district for a three year term. Board meeting agendas are posted at least 72 hours before the start of a meeting. For more information about the Board of Trustees, visit the Dickinson ISD website at [www.dickinsonisd.org/page/board.home](http://www.dickinsonisd.org/page/board.home).

Working along with Superintendent Dr. Rebecca Brown, the Board of Trustees includes President Corey Magliolo, Vice President Jessica Rodriguez, Secretary Veanna Veasey, and trustees Mary Anthamatten, Kenna Cotton, Mike Mackey, and Jonathan Mills.

